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Dear Harold Weisberg,

Your letter of July 6 only reached me this week, and from Jim White in Mill Valley. But before I left Washington I did see the Hunt ms., which contradicted Cushman's testimony to the Ervin Comm. on two points

1. Hunt called Cushman his old office-mate in CIA from a period before His Omgnay posting and the Bay of Pigs (Cushman suggested a very obligue contact with Hunt, if any)

2. Hunt called Nixon the White House Action officer on the Bay of Pigs — just as Fred Cook called it in his 1964 Nation article (Cushman implied that Nixon merely followed the operation in preparation for his presidency).

The Nixon-Cuban link I mentioned to you was his defense of Mario Garcia Kohly in the latter's 1963 arrest for forging Cuban pesos (cf. Bill Turner's Power on the Right and the Liberty Lobby's Washington Observer passim.) I understand that in 1963 the CDM was backing Kohly as Cuban leader — also that CDM was involved in the October 1963 raid by the Rex.

(according to Castro). I myself would be grateful for anything you know linking late-1963 Cuban activities to either ONI or Army Intelligence, esp. the latter. D.Ho Mr Edward S. Butler, whose successor Richard Warren at INCA was an ex. Army Intelligence agent.

I would indeed have liked to see your Cuban files. Perhaps if I return to Washington in the fall something can be worked out then. As it was I spent nearly all my time in the Archives (except for the days with you & Szulc) & never did go to Dallas.

It was good to meet you, though frustrating. One day was not really enough to reach the bottom of your expertise. Perhaps the next time we will be more focused and specific.

Give my best to Jim Lesar the next time you see him.